

engage in the effort to advance that prospect, including the supportive role of the United Nations, and as well, direct American engagement in that effort. So I think you'll see American diplomacy fully engage."

However, Mr. President, as a public servant who advocated for upholding the rule of law on Cyprus throughout your long career, I am reminded of your January 27, 1989 letter to then AHI Chairman Dean Lomis, where you stated: "... we must urge the new Administration [President George H.W. Bush] to make Cyprus a higher policy priority in American foreign policy ... we cannot lose sight of the fact that the rights of Greek Cypriots have been trampled upon, and we must ensure that their claims to ancestral land and property seized during the 1974 invasion are not compromised. Finally, we must send a signal to Turkey that until it has removed every last soldier from Cyprus, it will never be recognized as a full member of the international community."

It is this same clear message to Turkey regarding Cyprus that the United States must send today because the conditions are the same, if not worse, as recent public discourse emanating from the Turkish government has called for a two-state solution.

Mr. President, the United States-Greece relationship is a strong and healthy one thanks in large part to the shared values identified in your Greek Independence Day celebratory remarks. Greece has proven to be a "pillar of stability," a frontline state to combat terrorism, and a reliable NATO ally. AHI anticipates that bilateral relations, which are at a high point, will be taken to even greater heights during your Administration. By contrast, Turkey is the perpetrator of instability in the Eastern Mediterranean and broader region which is detrimental to U.S. security interests. Turkey is a failed NATO ally that cozies up to Russia and Iran and is a threat to U.S. allies and strategic partners. The U.S. must demonstrate strong, unequivocal support of Greece by continuing to strengthen relations across all sectors and by applying the rule of law to Turkey for its illegal actions.

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely,

NICK LARIGAKIS,
President.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BISHOP NATHANIEL JAMES DAVIS, SR., TH.D.

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Bishop Nathaniel James Davis, Sr., Th.D. He was profoundly devoted to his faith and his family, and dedicated his life to serving his community.

Bishop Davis moved to Seattle in 1955, and quickly became a pillar in the Christian community. He joined the Bethel Christian Church of the Apostolic Faith shortly after moving, finding a home among other service- and family-minded members of the organization. He was deeply involved with the Bethel Christian Church, and has undoubtedly touched the lives of countless members of the Seattle community. After many years of selflessness and dedication, Bishop Davis became a Pastor at the Bethel Christian Church, a position he held for 37 years. His legacy and influence

are felt by countless members of the Church, where he was a fixture for more than 65 years.

Bishop Davis' leadership and commitment to his faith extended beyond his work in Seattle. He was the founding Bishop of the Alaska District Council, serving as Diocesan of the 56th Episcopal District and presiding over the Council for 9 years. He was deeply dedicated to his family, and was married to Evangelist Dr. Addie Davis for 64 years. He leaves behind his wife, 13 children, 41 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren, who will undoubtedly carry on his legacy of service and leadership.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and honor that I recognize the life of Bishop Nathaniel James Davis, Sr. His life and dedication to serving his community should be an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

On November 11, 2021, Veteran's Day, the United States will mark 100 years since the interment of an unidentifiable member of the American Expeditionary Forces of World War I at Arlington National Cemetery.

The place of interment has come to be known as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and is regarded as America's most sacred shrine. It is dedicated to all veterans that have served and made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our great nation.

My congressional district is home to over 70,000 veterans and their families; and on this day and every day, we honor ALL who served and continue to serve our country.

HONORING FIREFIGHTER CARL BLUBAUGH

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Firefighter Carl Blubaugh for his 55 years of service with the Meyersdale Volunteer Fire Department in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

Firefighters' commitment and service to our community are invaluable. Volunteer firefighters often are called on to respond to emergencies of all types. From battling structure fires to conducting search and rescue operations, volunteer firefighters respond immediately whenever disaster strikes. These heroes often go above and beyond—they teach first aid, educate students about fire and other dangerous hazards, and even install car safety seats for children. Through their diverse and often-difficult work, volunteer firefighters pro-

vide lifesaving services and are a staple of our local community.

Firefighter Blubaugh has worked throughout his career to serve the people of Somerset County. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I thank him for his work to protect life and property in our community and wish him continued health, safety, and success.

HONORING KAREN KENINGER, DI- RECTOR OF THE NATIONAL LI- BRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED, IN CELE- BRATION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a noteworthy occasion at the Library of Congress's National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS)—the retirement of Director Karen Keninger. Having dedicated nearly a decade of service under two Librarians of Congress, Karen's devotion to the NLS collection shows in the excellence she has brought to the program through both expansion of the collection and innovation of service.

The NLS is an institution committed to serving readers with disabilities with the mission of ensuring "that all may read". Offering free braille and talking book library services for people with temporary or permanent reading disabilities, the NLS has played an instrumental part in ensuring that the Library of Congress' collection can be enjoyed by all Americans.

As director of the NLS, over her nearly decade of leadership, Karen has doubled the collection of talking books and magazines while reducing production time for reading materials. She has opened up new worlds for all NLS patrons by ushering in the creation of mobile apps for downloading books and magazines in audio and braille, as well as advocating that the United States be a party to the Marrakesh Treaty, which provides for the exchange of accessible-format books across international borders. Her mission to ensure "that all may read" was all the more realized through her instrumental involvement in the launch of braille eReader device pilot programs to both increase the speed of getting materials to patrons and reduce storage and delivery requirements for materials for librarians.

Beyond the collection, Karen has played the lead role in the renovation of the NLS satellite office building and the adoption of a new, modernized name for NLS reflecting its service to not only blind Americans, but to the larger print disabled community. She ushered in a new era of NLS service and restructured the organization to better align with the mission of the Library to provide access for all the American people.

This year, the NLS celebrated its 90th Anniversary. It is due to dedicated servants of the American people, like Karen, that we owe our thanks for a successful and influential program that touches American lives every day.